

Philadelphia 12m: 8-1837

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Respected Friend

My letter of 2^d Inst

to my care for C. C. Burleigh, came to hand
this morning. As Charles was not in the city,
having sailed two days ago for Mayport, it was
concluded to open the letter. — You will see
that my request of an essay from him for my
book, to be ready for the last of this month,
cannot now be complied with, — how he came
to omit it I know not, as he is generally very
careful to comply with all engagements. — I
recollect hearing him speak of the proposed book,
of my application to him to write for it —

My wife never having done much with
her pen in the way of essay writing, declines
making any attempt of the kind at present,
particularly as her health for some time past
has been very poor. Her physician urges upon
her the necessity of avoiding much mental
or physical exertion — I do not know of any scribe
in this city who would be likely to render thee
any assistance —

Some in this city, especially those of us who have not been educated in a feeling of reverence for the clerical order, are watching with much interest the struggle that is now going on in New England, between that order & the friends of freedom from bondage both personal & spiritual, and I believe that in proportion as the latter firmly maintain their ground on the Christian principles of meekness & humility, will true liberty spread & prevail. — Some who have been accounted as chief, may turn back & walk no more with us, & we may regret & sincerely deplore this departure from their first love. — Yet we should not be deterred from walking by the same rule & regarding the same things, that first brought us into the glorious liberty of the truth, opening our eyes to see, & enlarging our hearts to feel the oppressions that are in the land —

For our good friend Garrison I feel a deep sympathy. Priest & Cleric, Saint & Sinner seem to have combined against him, but I trust will not overthrow him. — May I trouble thee to receive us in his remembrance, & say to him from us, Fear not them that kill the body, but go on in the might of the Lord, delacing his whole counsel, and giving him all the glory.

I shall be obliged for a copy of the annual report of your society, of which there makes mention. — Perhaps I may denounce it, but I think I shall be safe in promising not to be very severe in my condemnation, if Garrison approves it, for although I do not take any man's opinions as my standard, yet his on many subjects are more in unison with my own, than most others, & I therefore give great reliance can be placed upon them.

I like the communication of Mr. L. C. Channing to the public on the refusal of your city government to grant the use of the Hall, it makes the absurd excesses of the authorities appear ridiculous — To make it still more so, would it not be well, if the use of the Hall is still refused, to publish the resolutions that were intended to be offered for the acceptance of the meeting —

It is with regret that we hear of the continued indisposition of A. L. G — who has worked this hard, I have feared the N. England winter would not suit them, I had hoped they would return to this ^{city} & rest awhile from their labours —

I have run on & nearly filled my paper, as though there were not a stranger, when I only

proposed to say that C. C. & B. had sailed for H. Bayte,
excuse the freedom I have taken in opening
thy letter, & in writing this long one, I believe me

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Yours truly.

Truly thy friend

James Matt

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paid

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My wife desires me to add: That she anticipates
the pleasure of seeing thy sister Chapman in
this city at the time of the convention next spring,
I request the additional pleasure of your abiding
during your stay under our roof. She had in-
tended to make it the special subject of a letter
but says that will never do before I get in.